

Volunteer Opportunities in Visitor Services: Ways to Serve Your Community

Greeter at New Visitor Center: We are in need of greeters to help us open and staff our new visitor center at Assabet River NWR. We anticipate limited open hours this summer, but in order to open we need YOU! The duties will include welcoming visitors and informing them about the USFWS and the National Wildlife Refuge System, answering questions about “things to do” in the area, suggest hikes based on visitor’s abilities and interpret exhibits. All volunteers will receive training and staff will provide supplemental information to assist volunteers in providing information to visitors.

Trail Steward: A Trail Steward is someone who would walk an assigned section of trails on a weekly basis and report to staff about any noticeable changes (ie., fallen trees/limbs, damaged signs or sign posts, dumping of debris, etc) A Trail Steward would also be on call for special trails day projects and clean ups.

Interpreter: An Interpreter would be involved with coordinating and/or leading programs for the general public, an audience of your choice such as the elderly, children, adults, and/or families. Lead/coordinate one program a month and/or a special program series for your target audience. The refuge would assist throughout, but we are in need of people to lead independently in this area.

Environmental Educator: Works with refuge staff on existing environmental education programs with school groups and scouts, but would also lead in discovering new opportunities with local schools to enhance current environmental education within the refuge complex.

Outreach Assistance: An Outreach Assistant would help refuge staff with posting monthly fliers of upcoming programs and events around the local community on bulletin boards, libraries, schools and refuge kiosks.

Web Designer: A Web Designer would need experience with Adobe Dreamweaver. This position would include making monthly updates to refuge websites and taking on the task of posting monthly announcements. A web designer would also be tasked with organizing and streamlining the file paths that are linked to refuge websites.

Special Events Liaison: Works with refuge staff to prioritize and organize key special events that are held within local communities and at the refuge. Assists in the recruitment of volunteers that are needed to attend the selected events, such as, parades, Earth Day, International Migratory Bird Day, Fishing Events, Public Lands Day and National Wildlife Refuge Week. We are in need of finding out what the local opportunities are throughout the year and decipher which ones are most appropriate for refuge to be involved with, in addition to our refuge hosted events.

If you are interested in any of these types of positions, please contact Susan J. Russo at 978-443-4661 x34 or Susan_J_Russo@fws.gov